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## 78TH GIDGEGANNUP AGRICULTURAL SHOW

### Saturday 26th October, 9.00am – 7.00pm



#### SHOW ENTRY:

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Show Schedule, Entry Forms and details:  
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Gidgegannup Agricultural Society Facebook Page

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Saturday 26 October - in the Hall

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To allow more room for presentation, the marquee shared by the Gidge Ag Society, the CWA and the City of Swan will house the full range of children's exhibits while the adult craft exhibits in the Photography, Needlework, Craft and Art Sections plus the vegetables, eggs, honey and flowers will be on display in the Hall. You can be sure there will be some amazing and accomplished items to be admired.

Around the grounds you will find a very wide range of stands and stallholders willing to talk about their products and introduce you to new options in food and refreshments, health and wellbeing products, trade displays and farm machinery, handicrafts, furniture and pastimes, not to mention Christmas gifts and bling.

You can buy olive oils and juices, try several varieties of local gin and wine, have your hair braided, enjoy an all-day smorgasbord for lunch; if you feel like it, you can purchase a new tractor, talk to a local Parliamentarian or even have a look at a new house. Then you can have some fun in the fairground on a couple of rides, complete with ice cream or cotton candy.

Gidgegannup Agricultural Society is most grateful to all Show sponsors and for the two major Grants secured this year: from Bendigo Bank in support of the Australian Rustic Arts Awards Competition and from the City of Swan in support of the family marquee collaboration between GAS, CWA and the City. The 2024 Gidge Show is a community driven event, supported by the City of Swan.

Months of discussion, organisation, ideas, arrangement achievement and disappointment will culminate in what promises to be a really

**Grand Day Out.**



**Gidgegannup Agricultural Society (Inc)**

**The 78th Gidge Show Saturday**

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## From the President...

It's been a challenge keep the Gidgegram in your letterboxes each month since Sandra's last edition in July and we all have Jean Witcombe to thank for taking on the management of the Gidgegram over the last couple of months and transitioning the ongoing responsibility to David Palmer of Greenman Graphics. Many thanks to David for taking this on and for bringing a wealth of experience to the publication, which is already paying dividends.

Each year in February, Society Members vote in the new volunteer Committee for the coming year, with the principal task being organising that year's Show in October. Each year there are vacant positions on the Committee and it is often a struggle to put resources in place, resulting in a burden falling on a few individuals. If you value the Gidgegram and the Gidgegannup Showgrounds and want the Show to continue through the coming years, please consider supporting the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society because without local support the Gidgegram and the Show will not exist. I encourage you to support the Gidgegram with advertising and editorial as well as becoming a GAS Member. You might like to consider nominating for an Office Bearer position when the opportunity is promoted in January.

Gidge 2024 hosts several major entertainments at the Show on Saturday 26th October – *see centre pages of this Gidgegram for full information*. I have every confidence that it will be a great success given all the effort that has been put into it by the small, dedicated team pulling it all together ... *most of whom don't reside in Gidgegannup*.

**Marcus Hemsted, President.**

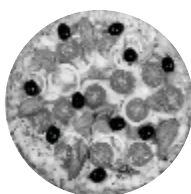
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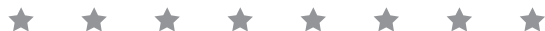
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Members must be financial to vote at the Annual General  
Meeting of the Society

# Gidge Gossips

By Sally Block

After nearly three months the tap was turned off and the rain stopped at 775mm and we are told, will not start again until Friday 30 September. Which is a good thing as the crops now need finishing rains so we don't experience the shortages of feed we had last year. Dams are full and the paddocks are knee high with feed. So are the gardens with weeds!!!



I have been on my hands and knees every spare moment clearing this huge growth. Some of the plants are dead and, as with the parrot, will not be revived so these are being hacked away. There are some trees in the pending basket too but hope springs eternal.



Nasty crash on Toodyay Road recently that seems could have been caused by reckless overtaking. We still have places on Toodyay Road (too many of them) where the four lanes go down to two lanes and the game of who gets the advantage is frequently played. This is a very dangerous game which now and then comes unstuck, sometimes with awful consequences and we will be told again that it's not the road, but the drivers. Partly true, but we've had ongoing consultation for ages regarding changing Toodyay Road into a four lane Freeway/Highway all the way to Gidge and beyond. Planning has been carried out but now, we're told, there is no Federal funding available. Lots of funds available for quite daft things but not for this road, which, if built, could very likely save lives and provide a safer and faster route into Perth.



Do we have to wait for another catastrophe such as the one we had in July 2013, which made Government listen to us when we insisted on a safety audit of the Road all the way up to Toodyay? That certainly cut the accident and death rate incredibly. Perhaps Government could listen to us again? Or do we need to go to the media again to achieve this?



Toodyay Cup Day was Sunday 22 September and a bus load left the Noble Falls to take part in this fantastic event. Such a great community event and so much safer for everyone. Hope you all had a great time.

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Next Meetings: 21st October & 18th November 2024 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall. Showgrounds, Gidgegannup

With all the many issues the GPA is having to deal with, this Report is getting a bit large for the Gidgegram and taking up too much room. The Report can be found on the Gidgegannup Progress Association Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/993370027416337>

Access gives the community the opportunity for discussion on the issues or a Report will also be available on [www.gidgegannup.info](http://www.gidgegannup.info)

Gidge Gossips originated nearly 30 years ago and I am quite happy to lay it to rest.

These reports date from the time no one put anything in the Gidgegram so Sandra asked for me to help. Glad to let the articles go to rest too.

Thanks, Sally

Sally has been one of the most diligent contributors Gidgegram has ever had!

But this is the end of an era and the start of lots more time for Sally to do the gardening, talk to her horses and cattle and organise the Small Farm Field Day ...

**Thank you so much, Sally.**

You're still welcome to send us that very special tidbit of news though and we bet you will.

## Immediate Past President...

The Honour Board in the Hall has been updated to recognise the 5 years that Gordon Caine served as President of the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society.

Gordon has amassed a vast amount of experience and knowledge of the infrastructure of the Showground facilities and is able to assist with insight into tricky problems, which is of great assistance.

Thank you very much, Gordon.

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## People at Place – Gidgegannup

People at Place events are an opportunity for local residents, volunteers, clubs, community groups, schools, Not-for-Profit agencies and local businesses to network, share information, promote upcoming events, programs and activities. This upcoming event is specifically for those in the Gidgegannup and surrounding area.

Gidgegannup Progress Association will host the evening, with information and updates from the City of Swan staff teams, but most importantly the community.

All attending will have an 'open mic' opportunity to discuss their group, business or idea! All attendees are also encouraged to bring advertising material and business cards to share on the community information tables.

**Gidgegannup**  
Perth Hills Western Australia

Light refreshments will be provided by Gidgegannup Country Women's Association. This is a FREE event.

**To register or any questions please call Paul on 0427 163 317 or email [paul.goodley@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:paul.goodley@swan.wa.gov.au)**

**Date:** Thursday 17 October 2024

**Time:** 6.00pm-8.00pm (including refreshments and networking)

**Venue:** Gidgegannup Hall, 2171 Old Toodyay Rd, Gidgegannup 6083

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## SUSANNAH WOOROLOO CATCHMENT GROUP NEWS

The recent rain has provided the brooks with a healthy flow and the opportunity to present the Water & Bug Sampling "Discover the fascinating creatures living in the creek" Activity at Noble Falls in conjunction with Millenium Kids Greenlabs project, presented by local ecologists.

The event saw a healthy turnout of over 50 family and community members and was a great learning experience.

The aim of the activity was to survey the aquatic macroinvertebrates present at the falls, which are best explained as "Aquatic = lives in water for at least some of its lifecycle, Macro = can be seen with the naked eye (not very well sometimes, need a magnifying glass or microscope to see details!), Invertebrate = doesn't have a backbone, includes crustaceans, insects, worms and mites".

These critters have different habitat and water quality requirements for survival. Some like fast flowing water, others slow moving. Some swim in the open water column and others hide in rock crevices or amongst aquatic plants. Some can survive in poor water quality conditions, while some are very sensitive to water pollution. The types of macroinvertebrates present at a site can tell us a lot about how healthy the water and aquatic ecosystems are. The greater the diversity of macroinvertebrate types, the more resilient the ecosystem is.

Water bugs are important food sources for fish and birds. Different water bugs play different roles in the waterway eco-

system, eg some types help to reduce algal growth in the water.

In Wooroloo Brook near Noble Falls we saw a wide variety of water bugs, including those that are pollution sensitive, indicating a relatively healthy stream. We saw fast water specialist Stonefly and Black Fly larvae in the rocky, riffle sections, and freshwater shrimp and dragonfly larvae hiding amongst roots and submerged grasses on the channel banks in slower moving water. An Iscope allowed us to see these up close to get an appreciation of their different shapes and forms.

The feedback received was encouraging - some great ideas for future activities with interest in building and installing bird and bat boxes, reptiles and art projects!

As spring is well under way, the Group is commencing plant identification on sites used for endemic seed collection for propagation, with collection to take place over the following months. Other activities being carried out are the monthly Susannah bird surveys and a more recent monitoring of previously installed nesting boxes.

If you are interested in participating and/or contributing to the Group's expanding projects and activities, new members are always welcome!

Please register your interest via the group email :- [susannahbrookcatchment-group@gmail.com](mailto:susannahbrookcatchment-group@gmail.com) or call Wayne on 0408 655 517 for more information.



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Experience a natural amphitheatre bush setting, over 20 live bands, campfires, rustic camping and dancing under the stars. Camp overnight and you'll wake up to the call of the kookaburras and a hearty cooked breakfast!

All the musicians donate their time, as do the stage crew and a group of fabulous volunteers who, together with our generous sponsors, make the event possible. The venue too is donated by our wonderful hosts, Steve & Jo Mit-cham, who generously open the gates of their beautiful 50-acre property for the Festival Weekend. All profits raised will go to the West Gidgegannup Volunteer Fire Brigade, the Leukaemia Foundation, St Barts, Shalom House and Zero2Hero.

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We look forward to seeing you in October for what promises to be another awesome event.



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FRIDAY		
Jim McGuire with Maggie's Delight	6:00-6:45pm	Foot-tapping Scottish/Irish/Australian songs
Coastal Drift	7:00-7:45pm	Upbeat songs with something for everyone
Brandon Poletti & The Eagleton Brothers	8:00-8:45pm	Contemporary country and folk rock music
Redhouse	9:00-10:00pm	Covers band playing upbeat blues rock tunes
SATURDAY		
Woody Clark	9:00-9:45am	Australia's premiere ukulele experience for kids
Darkyra	10:00-10:45am	Blend of rock, epic metal and opera
The Michael Ward Trio	11:00-11:45pm	Acoustic singer songwriter / blues, folk & country
Broken Pedal	12:00-12:45pm	Australian indie/alternative rock
46 Brigade	1:00-1:45pm	Indie pop/rock band
The Clarksville Five	2:00-2:45pm	A rock band playing original, hook-laden songs
Electric State	3:00-3:45pm	Upbeat pop/rock/punk outfit
Vancool	4:00-4:45pm	Perth's best new rock band
Moth Street Artists	5:00-5:45pm	A dysfunctional indie rock unit
Louis Rebeiro & The Blues Machine	6:00-6:45pm	A young, dynamic blues/rock trio
Ojay	7:00-7:45pm	Rock, hard rock, heavy metal and grunge
Moonlighters	8:00-8:45pm	High energy performances of classic rock hits
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Jet Lag	10:15-11:00pm	Freo's favourite covers band
Pentology	11:15-12:00pm	The ultimate 90s Rock throwback experience
SUNDAY		
The Bev Abela Band	8:00-8:45am	Soulful originals inspired by life experiences
The Catherine Wheels	9:00-9:45am	Part folk, part country with catchy melodies
The Last AvoCado	10:00-10:45am	A unique brand of playful original blues & funk
Clandestine	11:00am-12:00pm	A folksy/rooty hills based band



# A Crafty Yarn...

You will all know Rob and Helen Smith, formerly from Gidge Rural. My late partner Dave Reid came home from the shop one day a few years back, and said, *"you know Rob, his father went to the same school as me, in Rothiemay"* (a little village in Scotland, near Huntly, between Aberdeen & Inverness)!

Wattie Smith, Rob's Dad, was a couple of years older than Dave, but Wattie's sister, Rob's aunt, was in Dave's class. Rothiemay is a tiny place and Wattie came from a nearby locality, Hassiehillock. Sadly, Wattie died around the same time as Dave.

Last year Rob and Helen were visiting his mother, June Smith, in Granton on Spey and I gave Rob some of my artwork pieces to take across to her. She emailed to thank me and I said I was going across to Scotland with my son Gary, to take some of Dave's ashes this year and we agreed to meet. June mentioned that she did knitting for tiny babies at the local hospital. Around that time, a friend was helping to clear out some (*actually lots of*) craft materials from another friend's house, who had died, and she gave me several boxes of materials and yarns. I didn't want them, but I knew who would!

So I took them to the Gidge CWA and they were delighted.

I mentioned that I'd be going across to Scotland and visiting June Smith and asked if any of them would like to knit some little pieces for me to take for the local babies. I was quite astonished at the number of items they produced in due course - it seemed as if I had half a suitcase full but luckily they squashed down and didn't weigh much.

My sister Margaret Hancock, who lives in Lesmurdie, also crocheted a baby rug for me to take. June was overjoyed with all the knitting, when my son Gary and I visited her. She said the local hospital would be very grateful indeed.

*Thank you so much,  
Gidge CWA ladies!*

Jan Pittman



*All the garments laid out.*



*Thankyou Gidge CWA ladies!*



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*This month I'd like to talk about safety issues.*

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All modern tractors have a safety start system where either the transmission shift lever must be in neutral or the clutch pedal must be depressed before starting. Never try to start the tractor unless you're in the operator's seat. There should also be a safety switch preventing starting with the Power Take Off engaged. Always put the PTO in neutral and stop the engine before getting off the tractor to do any work on the implement.

Many of you will have older tractors such as Fergusons or Fordsons and whilst these are great old tractors, they come from an era where safety was not important and consequently they have no safety features or guards, etc and can potentially be lethal. Their brakes are often non-existent, steering linkages are worn with over 60 years of use, there are fuel and oil leaks present which can be a fire hazard, last thing we all need in the summer!

Keep your tractor clean and attend to any leaks as soon as possible. *Has your tractor got a ROPS frame?* A Roll Over Protection frame will help protect you from injury if the tractor should roll over, one of the most common causes of deaths involving tractors. Like the seat belt in your car, it greatly increases your chances of survival should the worst ever happen, and let's hope it doesn't. Remember, if it feels a bit dodgy going up the hill, or worse going across the hill, then it's probably not a good idea, so don't do it. ROPS frames are available for many older tractors and are easily fitted.

If you'd like a copy of the Farm Safety Booklet by Worksafe WA please contact me on [cdtractors@gmail.com](mailto:cdtractors@gmail.com)

See you next month ... Chris



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 BABY PYGMY GOAT RACES  
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 KITE FLYING - CONDITIONS PERMITTING  
 DAYTIME MUSIC - FENTON OLDMEADOW

- 9.00am Livestock (cattle, goats, sheep, poultry)  
 judging commences  
 Pony Club program commences  
 Stalls and sideshows ready to go
- 10.00am Ladybird Fairies - roving  
 Kite making workshop - behind Marquee  
 Climbing wall - on the Hill
- 10.30am 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse - roving
- 11.00am Cutting of CWA Birthday Cake -  
 GAS/CWA/CoS Marquee  
 Shearing - Arena  
 BLUEY - roving  
 Pony Rides - all day - Outfield  
 Pop Magic - all day - roving
- 11.30am Square Dancing - Bush Verandah
- 12.00 Show Opening by Mia Davies - Arena  
 with 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse attending  
 Conrade the Entertainer - Bush Verandah
- 1.00pm Log Chop - Arena
- 1.15pm Square Dancing - Bush Verandah
- 1.30pm Shearing - Arena
- 2.30pm 10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse - roving
- 3.00pm Shearing - Arena  
 Log Chop - Arena  
 ARFAA Presentations - on the Hill  
 Kyra Bee & the Illegals - Burgo's Bar
- 3.30pm Sheaf Toss - Arena (ladies & gents sections  
 enter on the day)
- 4.30pm Trophy Presentations - Main Hall
- 6.30pm Show closes



# GIDGE 2024



## IT'S A MILK RUN

**Baby Pygmy Goat Racing will be a major attraction at this year's Gidge Show.**

In what is probably a world-first feature, Pygmy Kids will chase their milk bottles over a short sprint distance.

Kid-friendly volunteers from Wundowie-based Hills Billy Carts Inc will then gather them back into their secure pen over near the Hill Area on the east side of the Arena, where visitors can admire the attitude and temperament of these little charmers.

Sponsored by Embarr Pty Ltd (manufacturer and supplier of innovative fire control systems), Gidgeridoo Pygmy Goat Stud will bring in 15-20 two-month-old Pygmy Kids, correctly identified and covered by the relevant WA DPIRD regulations, to entertain with several races during the day. Races will be announced over the PA, timed to allow the Kids to calm down, drink their milk and have a little rest. Be assured, however, that dashing about in groups is what Pygmy Kids do all the time ... they don't need special training for this event, just a fence to define the area. If they thought about it properly, these little athletes could easily organise a whole day's sequence of races for themselves without leaving home.

To add even more interest but depending on available volunteers, it is hoped the races might run on a raffle basis: \$5.00 entry with 1<sup>st</sup> prize 40%, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize 25%, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize 15%, leaving 20% of the fees to cover extra milk rations. Choose the Last One In and you get your investment back.

As a result of the cross promotion arrangement with Gidge Ag Society, grateful thanks are due to the volunteers from Hills Billy Carts who will be on hand to co-ordinate the races. They will, of course, also bring some of their racing carts for you to admire.

**For updates, check the event Facebook Page. Please promote Gidge 2024 to all your friends.**





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In the lead-up to our end-of-year recognition event, we are exploring how to best thank volunteers who gift their time and skills to our communities.

We are eager to hear from volunteers doing great things in and around our City. Whether you care for animals, help at community events or coach a sports team we want to hear from you. All volunteers working within and around the City of Swan are invited to share your ideas about how we might **respect, recognise and reward** your amazing efforts.



Head to [swanengage.com/volunteers](https://swanengage.com/volunteers) to:

Take our community survey to nominate three volunteer groups to receive a **\$100 Coles/Woolworths voucher.**

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WTDGC 2022 champions Estonia will be defending their title after taking the last championship in Varazdin, Croatia.

The event was made possible thanks to funding from the Department of Local Government, Sport & Culture/Lotterywest and the Shire of Mundaring as well as a host of supporters and sponsors.

More information about the event, volunteer opportunities and spectator ticketing is available at [wtgdc.sport](http://wtgdc.sport).

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## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

The City of Swan is committed to celebrating the volunteers who make our community a more connected, beautiful and caring place. To do this, we're developing new events, strategies and initiatives that thank volunteers who gift their time and skills to our communities.

All volunteers and volunteer groups engaged within the City are invited to share ideas about how we can respect, recognise and reward your efforts. You can have a chat to our team or attend a workshop.

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# SHOW AND TELL WHAT'S ON AT GIDGE THIS YEAR

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Trevor (L) holding the Cup, and his partner, David Sauer.

Since 1896, the Governor's Cup has been the most prestigious livestock prize at the Perth Royal Show, awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in livestock exhibits, judged on excellence and consistency.

On Saturday 28 October, Trevor Blight, Dandalee Park Dairy Goats, took out the Show's top prize for the third time.

Having him set the program for the extensive goat judging classes and co-ordinating in the overall organisation, Gidgegannup Show is also privileged to have Trevor and his beautiful animals on hand as part of the day's attractions.

Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Dairy Goats and see for yourself why Dandalee won at Perth Royal.

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## THE SHOW GOES ON AT GIDGE 2024



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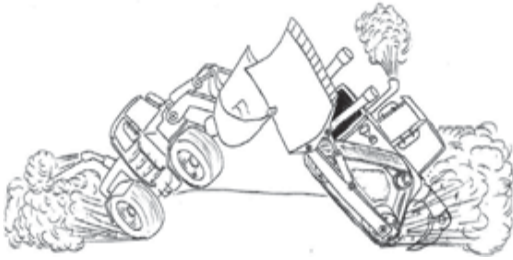
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If you're unable to book online, don't worry! Just drop by the Men's Shed at the Gidge Showgrounds on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> October, 8 AM to 12 PM, and we'll assist you - unless it is fully booked.

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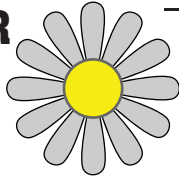
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- **Fertilising** - If you haven't already fed your fruit trees, this is a great time to do so! Adding some organic matter like compost or manures or a good quality slow release fertiliser - ideally with trace elements - will increase the quality of your fruit.
- **Mulching** - Mulching the entire can be a big job. Start now while the weather isn't steaming hot and the ground still has moisture. Mulching will mean the soil will hold moisture longer and plants will be less stressed.
- **Check your retic** - Make sure everything is still working and update/upgrade bits that have broken or been damaged over winter.

• **It's time to get planting!** There are heaps of vegies you can plant now: *Asian greens (Bok Choi/Tatsoi, etc), Artichoke (globe), Basil, Beans, Beetroot, Capsicum, Chilli, Carrot, Celery, Celeriac, Choko, Cucumber, Eggplant, Ginger, Leek, Lettuce, Melons, Okra, Pumpkin, Radish, Rocket, Rosella, Silverbeet, Spring Onion, Squash, Strawberries, Sweet corn, Sweet Potato, Tomato, Zucchini.*

There's also HEAPS of herbs that will flourish at this time of year - Basil, Chives, Dill, Fennel, Oregano, Mint, Parsley, Thyme, Sage, Comfrey, Borage - just to name a few! And there are multiple varieties of each, so be creative and get a herb garden growing for your summer entertaining garnishes and tasty treats. You don't need a lot of space - *a pot on your verandah will do!* - to reap the rewards.



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## Fire News and Advice - October 2024

Conditions are unusually dry in many areas, especially in City of Swan. Recent hazard reduction burns by brigades have sometimes shown unseasonably active fire behaviour, and there have been several escaped landholder burns.

Best schedule these for late afternoon/evening so as to be burning into a diminishing fire hazard, also pick days when the overnight humidity is going to be very high, and winds low. Refer your local forecasts, a good one is using Meteye on the BOM website:

[http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye/?loc=WA\\_FA001](http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/meteye/?loc=WA_FA001)

To avoid unnecessary callouts by brigades please register your burn with DFES by ringing 9395 9209 just before lighting up.

And make sure your burn is safe/extinguished properly before leaving it unattended.

### Restricted Burning Times

Shire of Toodyay 1st October - 31st October and 10th March to 30th April.

City of Swan 1st October - 30th November and 1st April to 31st May.

### Prohibited Burning Times

Shire of Toodyay 1st November - 9th March.

City of Swan 1st December - 31st March.

*Note these are often altered due to seasonal conditions - you need to keep up to date with these - a good way is to use the SMS notification service offered by your Local Govt, info on this below.*

### Firebreaks

1st Nov to 30th April - both City of Swan and Shire of Toodyay require these to be maintained, unless you have a formal alternative firebreak arrangement.

Burning restrictions in each Local Govt differ, and are also subject to change, so rather than detail them here you should refer to the "source of truth" from either Swan or Toodyay.

For City of Swan refer to <https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/services-and-community/emergency-management/burning-restrictions-and-permits-to-burn> Alternatively get a copy of the Annual Guide to the Fire Season, available at Place Offices, City Libraries, Brigade Stations etc

For Shire of Toodyay refer <https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/resident-services/fire-information/fire-restrictions-and-permits.aspx>

No burning allowed whatsoever if the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) in your area for the day is "High" or above, or if a Total Fire Ban (TFB) or Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban (HVMB) has been issued for that day. The best place to check for TFBs and FDRs is on the Emergency WA website:

<https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au> This site doesn't give HVMB info - check with your individual Local Govt.

Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) gives the fire weather forecast but be careful as the afternoon version refers to the next day. You can also get the predicted FDR for the next 4 days at <http://www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger-ratings.shtml>

Note also that Gidgegannup and the whole of the Shire of Toodyay are in the Swan Inland North fire weather sub district.

### Subscribing to the free SMS notification service

This does not replace the DFES emergency alert SMS notification, but will notify of TFBs, HVMBs, and changes to dates of Restricted and Prohibited Burning Times. They may also be used to send "one off" emergency information.

They will NOT notify you if the Fire Danger Rating is High or above - you need to check that yourself. To subscribe refer to the info in the respective Local Govt links above.

### Getting a Permit to Burn

Note that if you get a permit you MUST fully comply with ALL the conditions, otherwise you are burning illegally and may be subject to being ordered to immediately extinguish the fire, cancellation of your permit, and prosecution.

In Gidgegannup at either the East or West Gidgegannup VBFB station on Saturday mornings 08:30 to 10:00 only. You can also apply online using the City of Swan link above once the RBT opens - refer to the link above.

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2. The size of the sheaf shall be as follows:  
**Length:** Min 22" (56cm), max 26" (66cm).  
**Circumference:**  
 Butt end - min 22" (56cm), max 26" (66cm).  
 Tail end - min 16" (40cm), max 20" (50cm).
5. The event shall be conducted on level ground.
7. Each competitor is entitled to three throws. If unsuccessful, he must then retire.
12. The height for first toss shall be 30' (9m).
14. Competitors must wear long white trousers and white shoes.

This would have been a very popular event and seriously contested one would imagine, when you compare the buying power of the prize money £££

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September is shaping up much the same as last year - little or no rain to keep pasture and crops growing. All we can hope for is something before the end of the month because the hay crops are in need of a decent downpour to help finish off their growing stage. The warmer days in September have certainly made everything grow and as usual weeds and unwanted plants are looking extremely healthy.

If you planted a crop for hay, then top dressing should have been completed some time ago, although with little recent rain, perhaps that fertiliser is still not being taken up. This year's clover is looking fantastic, along with the blue lupins and wild radish but slashing and/or spraying after slashing these weeds will help to minimise their growth.

Firebreaks are now on the agenda, so spraying and grading/ploughing is on the "to do" list.

If you are doing firebreaks using chemicals, now is the time to get on with it as getting a good weed kill will make it easier to keep the ground properly clean.

Lumps of wood or rocks on broken ground firebreaks can be hazards to vehicles in a fire situation whereas a graded firebreak clear of any obstacles is much easier and safer to travel on.

Ninety degree corners are a pain; always try to keep a gentle curve so the corner is easily negotiated.

The firebreak rules are pretty clear:

- *Three metres wide*
- *Four and a half metres clearance under trees.*

If you are in doubt about what your particular requirements might be - bush management, steep slopes, etc -

it's always best to contact your Shire's Fire Management team for advice.

Something to remember if you have a dead-end firebreak, is that a turning circle or a 3-point turn area is a requirement these days. Failure to implement these sensible regulations may become an expensive exercise, so for the safety of your property and of the "furies" who may have to be called out, please abide by the rules.

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